

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of PACIFIC GAS AND  
ELECTRIC COMPANY, a California  
Corporation, for a Permit To Construct the  
Atlantic-Del Mar Reinforcement Project  
Pursuant to General Order 131-D. (U 39 E)

Application 01-07-004  
(Filed July 9, 2001)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

**Background**

By this application, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) seeks a permit to construct (PTC) additional transmission capacity in the Rocklin and Roseville area. The Atlantic-Del Mar Reinforcement Project would result in the construction of approximately 4.1 miles of new single circuit 60 kilovolt (kV) electric power line, installation of a new circuit breaker at Atlantic Substation and a new switch at Del Mar Substation. The project is located approximately 15 miles northeast of Sacramento. In conjunction with its application, PG&E filed its Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA).

One protest, from the City of Rocklin, has been formally filed with the Commission's Docket Office. The Commission has also received letters from the Grupe Company, California Department of Transportation, City of Roseville, Austin and Amelia Petty, and Diana Ortega that do not meet the requirements to be formally filed. In addition, PG&E included a copy in one of their filings of a letter from Larry and Kathy Flure addressed to the Commission for which there

is no record of us receiving. I have reviewed all of the letters and protests, formal and informal. All documents that do not meet the formal filing requirements are being placed in the correspondence file for this case. This ruling is being served on all entities that submitted documents as described above, regardless of whether they were formally filed or not. Pending the taking of appearances, a temporary service list is set forth in Attachment A to this ruling.

The Commission issued a preliminary finding in Resolution ALJ 176-3067, issued on July 12, 2001, that the category for this proceeding is ratesetting and that hearings are necessary. Until the Assigned Commissioner issues a scoping memo, the ex parte rules as set forth in Rule 7(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure apply to this proceeding.

### **Prehearing Conference**

The Commission will hold a prehearing conference (PHC) at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 25, 2001, at the Sunset Center, Classroom 106, 2650 Sunset Boulevard, Rocklin, CA 95677. At the PHC, I intend to discuss the scope and procedural schedule for this case and to take appearances in order to develop a service list. I will have some questions for PG&E and protesters in order to determine whether there are any disputed issues of fact that require evidentiary hearings or whether the issues are primarily related to environmental concerns. At the PHC, we will discuss the interplay between this proceeding and the environmental review being conducted by the Energy Division.

If your interest in this proceeding relates to the preferred route of PG&E's proposed project, development of alternatives to the proposed project, or other aspects of the environmental review of this project, then you should participate in the environmental review process, independent of this PHC.

## **Service List**

Attachment A shows the current status (Interested Party/Appearence, State Service, or Information Only) that you have been granted. If you have received appearance status but do not appear at the PHC, you will not retain that status but will instead be shifted to information only status. The official service list will be posted on the Commission's web site, [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov), as soon as practicable.

Persons seeking to become an Interested Party/Appearence in this proceeding shall appear at the PHC and complete an Appearance Form. In order to be granted Interested Party/Appearence status, I will question the person regarding their planned level of participation. Persons who demonstrate a plan to actively participate in the proceeding through presentation of testimony, cross examination, or submission of briefs, will be granted Interested Party status. Interested Parties shall be served with all documents parties submit in connection with this proceeding.

Persons employed by the State of California will be placed on the State Service list either by appearing at the PHC and filling out an appearance form, or by mailing a written request to the Process Office requesting that they be added to the state service list. All of the names appearing on the state service list shall be served with any documents parties may submit in connection with this proceeding.

Persons seeking only notice of hearings, rulings, proposed decisions, and decisions issued by this Commission may either appear at the PHC and complete an appearance form, as described above, or they may mail a written request to the Process Office requesting that they be added to the service list for Information Only. You may contact the Process Office at the California Public

Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102. Please be sure to include your name and mailing address, and this proceeding number (Application 01-07-004).

**Informational Meeting Seeking Input on Draft Environmental Document**

On October 25, 2001, our environmental review team will hold a public informational meeting in Rocklin. The informational meeting is intended to help the communities that might be affected by the proposed Atlantic-Del Mar Reinforcement Project to understand the project and the findings of the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration. The meeting is informal, and will explain how to participate in the decision making processes by submitting written comments. This meeting is separate from the PHC and will take place at 7:00 pm at the Council Chambers, City of Rocklin Administration Building, 3970 Rocklin Road, Rocklin, CA.

**Possible Need to Reschedule**

Because the environmental review team is holding its informational meeting on October 25, 2001, it makes sense for the PHC to take place the same day, therefore I have scheduled the PHC for October 25, 2001. However, I want to alert potential participants that I have been called for jury duty beginning October 22, 2001 in San Francisco which may result in the need for me to cancel the PHC on short notice. If I am required to report for jury duty on October 25, 2001, the PHC will be rescheduled, but the informational meeting will still occur on the evening of October 25, 2001.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. The Commission will hold a prehearing conference at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 25, 2001, at the Sunset Center, Classroom 106, 2650 Sunset Boulevard, Rocklin, CA 95677.

2. Until the Assigned Commissioner issues a scoping memo, the *ex parte* rules as set forth in Rule 7(c) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure apply to this proceeding.

Dated October 12, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Michelle Cooke  
Michelle Cooke  
Administrative Law Judge

**ATTACHMENT A  
TEMPORARY SERVICE LIST**

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**(END OF ATTACHMENT A)**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Prehearing Conference on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated October 12, 2001, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen  
Antonina V. Swansen

**N O T I C E**

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to insure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.

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The Commission's policy is to schedule hearings (meetings, workshops, etc.) in locations that are accessible to people with disabilities. To verify that a particular location is accessible, call: Calendar Clerk (415) 703-1203.

If specialized accommodations for the disabled are needed, e.g., sign language interpreters, those making the arrangements must call the Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074, TTY 1-866-836-7825 or (415) 703-5282 at least three working days in advance of the event.